

**The Swine Industry.**  
For the past fifty years swine has been grown in this country for marked purposes, and since the beginning the industry has been constantly growing, until now it has reached a point in magnitude which is quite astonishing to those who have never before had it brought to their notice. Forty years ago the produce of the country was only about 2,000,000 a year. In 1866 the number received at the Chicago market alone was 961,746; in 1875 the number was 3,912,110, and in 1884 it was 7,039,355. Estimating the moderate price of \$8 per head, the value of the hogs received at Chicago last year was \$42,815,736. This represents only a portion of hogs sold during the past year. Kansas City, Cincinnati, Milwaukee and other markets having had comparatively increased receipts.

That the pork packing institutions of this country are of much more magnitude may be seen from the following figures: The number of hogs packed in the West during the winter season 1884-5 was 5,460,249, which cost an average of \$4.29 per hundred pounds, and with their average weight of 266.51 pounds their total cost was \$67,480,303. The value of the pork products exported during the calendar year of 1884 was \$59,662,961. These figures are supplied by the Cincinnati Price Current, and may be considered authentic.

The same industry is growing in other ways than in figures. During the past twenty years intelligent and energetic men have given much time and attention to the development of that part of the business pertaining to the raising and fattening of swine, and as a result of their labors we have to day not only improved breeds of swine, but we have a more thorough, scientific management in their production. Better systems of feeding and fattening have been devised, which tend to lessen labor as well as the quantity of food consumed, and consequently the cost of production which is in the case of swine one of the price making factors.

The larger portion of hogs are produced in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, and in some of these States the production is on a scale that is surprising, individual farmers and stock raisers not unfrequently raising and shipping to market \$40,000 worth of hogs in a year. The average weight of hogs shipped to market is about 200 pounds. There is room for improvement in this particular, and the time will come when by more care in breeding and feeding this average will be increased fifty pounds without additional cost to the producer. The prospective supply of hogs is about as large as at this time last year, and it would doubtless be larger if large losses had not resulted from the ravages of cholera during the past winter. Hogs are born in the spring and in the fall, and as they are usually ready for the market at a year old the supply is naturally largest at these seasons. According to the statistics of the Department of Agriculture the number of swine in the United States is estimated at 45,143,600, an increase of about 2,000,000 over the previous year. This supply represents about \$200,000,000—Farm, Field and Stockman.

**Parental Education by Sympathy.**  
Perhaps in no other part of his work does Goethe show more clearly by his keen and careful observation of character than in the description of the change produced in Wilhelm Meister by his association with his child. He represents Wilhelm as viewing his farms and buildings with new interest, and as zealously contemplating repair of what had long been neglected. "He no longer looked on the world with the eyes of a bird of passage; every thing that he proposed commencing was to be completed for his boy. In this sense his apprenticeship was ended; with the feeling of a father he had acquired all the virtues of a citizen." To Wilhelm it seemed as if the observation of his child gave him his first clear view of human nature; the questions that Felix asked of him stimulated him to further achievements. Thus the best part of education resulted from studies begun in the interest of the child. The new world which opens before all parents was to him the subject for the deepest thought and his life was broadened and brightened by close study of the child.

It is thought full of suggestiveness that the experiences and benefits which came to Wilhelm through the child might come to all parents, and that just in proportion as they are in sympathy with the children are their own lives made richer. If every father felt the duties of good citizenship in relation to his sons and daughters, then world might truly be better for each child born into it.

**Remembered by One.**  
A man who had rested in the county hospital for two years made his appearance on the streets one day this week. The town was strange to him and he to the town. Old friends gazed at his bearded, cadaverous face, but they knew him not. He looked the old familiar barkeeper in the eye, but the barman silently mixed his drink and gave no sign of recognition. The waiter at the restaurant where he had dined for years set a plate before him but spoke no word of greeting. Sadly the invalid ate the meal, lit his cigar and wandered among the faces that were familiar to him, but which had no smile of welcome for the man rescued, as it were, from the grave.

It was his tailor, his tailor who first saw light under the shadow of Mount Olivet. The lost one grasped him by the hand and led him to the nearest saloon. Such is life, my brethren. The friend of thy bosom may in a few years forget thee, but thy creditors, never. Oh, man, if you would retain a place in the affections of your kind, if you would build for yourself a monument in the human heart, buy something, buy everything, and have it put down to the old account.

**Her Grammar.**

It is a pathetic sight, says a writer in the Youth's Companion, to watch the meanderings of the child's mind through the intricacies of English grammar. Little Jane had repeatedly been reproved for doing violence to the moods and tenses of the verb "to be." She would say "I be" instead of "I am," and for a time it seemed as if no one could prevent it. Finally Aunt Kate made a rule not to answer an incorrect question, but to wait until it was corrected.

One day the two sat together, Aunt Kate busy with embroidery, and little Jane over her dolls. Presently doll society became tedious, and the child's attention was attracted to the embroidery frame.

"Aunt Kate," said she, "please tell me what this is going to be?" But Aunt Kate was counting, and did not answer. Fatal word, be! It was her old enemy, and to it alone could the child ascribe the silence that followed.

"Aunt Kate," she persisted, with an honest attempt to correct her mistake, "please tell me what that is going to am?"

Still auntie sat silently counting, though her lip curled with amusement.

Jane sighed, but made another patient effort:

"Will you please tell me what this is going to are?"

Aunt Kate counted on, perhaps by this time actuated by a wicked desire to know what would come next. The little girl gathered her energies for one last and great effort.

"Aunt Kate, what am that going to are?"

**Shying Horses Said to Be Near-Sighted**

"Why it is that shying in horses should be set down to an ugly disposition I don't know," said a prominent veterinary surgeon recently. "It must be because horsemen don't know what else to lay it to. The fact is that it seldom is met with unless the horse is near-sighted. I have tested scores of shying horses for near-sightedness, and in nearly all cases found what I expected. And now when I am asked to give points on buying horses I give this as one of the requisites. Never buy a horse which is near-sighted. There are, however, two exceptions to this rule. If the horse is to have a mate, then it doesn't make any difference about the sight. One horse can go blind if the other is clear-sighted. If the horse is to be used for riding to saddle be careful that he is not near-sighted, for he will throw you sooner or later."

"The reason why a near-sighted horse shies is very simple," the surgeon continued. "Of all animals the horse is the most gentle, and even timid. He sees a strange object, and his susceptible mind magnifies it into a monster that is going to destroy him. A piece of white paper at the roadside in the night is a ghost, and an old wagon in the ditch is a dragon. Every horseman knows that if you drive the animal close to the dreadful object the horse cools down at once. It is supposed that it is because the horse makes a closer acquaintance with the object. That is true, but not in the sense in which it is generally understood. The animal has not been able to see it from a distance. He is near-sighted."

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All hands went up. "That's right, and I am glad to see it. It shows that you have hearts full of love for the poor creatures who have not been blessed with reason and other precious gifts like yourselves. Now, to illustrate a point, I am going to ask some little boy to tell me what his favorite is among the domestic animals. Ah, thanks. This little boy best answer. What do you like best, my little man. Speak out loud, so that all may hear you."

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